

ACOG SCOPES

DO YOU KNOW THEM?

Likely you, or a family member, has served in the USMC, U.S. Army, U.S. AIR FORCE or Special OPS if you know about **ACOG Scopes**. Or you are a very lucky gun owner. Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight or **ACOG**, is manufactured by Trijicon and was originally manufactured to be used on M16 rifles and M4 carbines, Special Ops and Marines weapon of choice. They later produced a version usable for the series of Beretta AR70/90, Steyr Aug, SIG SG 550, Heckler & Koch HK416, FN SCAR systems, Enfield L85A2 and Bushmaster ACR.

The Trijicon **ACOG Scope** has been adopted for use by the FBI and in the 1990's they were used in Desert Storm. **ACOG Scopes** are the first scopes to be ordered by the Pentagon for use on M16s.

In October 2005, the USMC began equipping all their inventory with one of the Trijicon **ACOG Scopes**. Likewise, the Army and Air Force have fielded the TA31RCO **ACOG**. It goes without saying these military scopes are produced to specific requirements, but, the **ACOG Scopes** all have multiple things in common.

Some of their attributes are:

- Shockproof, waterproof and fog proof
- Lifetime limited warranty
- Titanium lamp has a 15-year warranty
- Designed with an internal adjustment system
- Optics that are multicoated
- Offers of illumination fiber optics as well as night sighting with titanium phosphor lamps
- Built with a fixed power
- Lighted tracking point
- Both eyes can remain open - no squinting

The **ACOG Scope** is heralded as accurate shooting for long distances yet provides shorter distance precision. When you see what these scopes have to offer, you can see why our finest prefer them over other scopes.

More **ACOG Scope** information can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Combat_Optical_Gunsight.

The Gun Zone recently tested several **ACOG Scopes** to rate the three they felt were the best. (<https://thegunzone.com/best-ar-15-acog-scopes/>). I found, though I am no expert, the pros and cons were consistent, with the expense and short eye relief being the only two cons. The Gun Zone listed the scopes as follows:

1. TA31F 4 x 32 **ACOG** with Dual Illuminated Chevron as number one. This scope has a .223 Reticle with a TA51 Flattop. It should also be noted this is one of the least expensive scopes Trijicon offers.
2. Trijicon 4 x 32 **ACOG Scope** with Dual Illuminated Chevron and a .223 Reticle, which comes in green or amber, is second. Number 2 also sports a .325 MOA aiming dot to ensure accuracy. This one will also lighten your wallet as it is one of the most expensive.
3. The Trijicon **ACOG** 3.5 x 35 with Illuminated Crosshair and a .308 Reticle rounded out The Gun Zone's ratings.

At the time of this writing, Amazon had several Trijicon **ACOG Scopes** to offer with prices ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$1,900.00. Quantities on Amazon ranged from one to thirteen, but with assurances more are on the way. www.amazon.com.

The Academy only offers one Trijicon **ACOG SCOPE** – the 4 x 32 to be bought online only, with a price tag of \$1,365.99. You can check them out at www.academy.com/

Bass Pro handles the **ACOG** 4 x 32 for \$1,299.99 and will ship it to one of their stores for free. Their site is found at www.basspro.com.

In my humble opinion, The Gun Zone offered the best prices and best information. They post reviews and give you the history which feels as though they really know what they are doing. Of course, if you're old enough to be buying guns and scopes legally, you know to tread lightly when shopping online. We all know about that minefield.

Is the **ACOG Scope** worth the price? This YouTube Video answers that question! Check it out and see what you think. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lu6x-lsStH8>

Trijicon is as impressive as the warriors who use their scopes.

- In 2004 they were awarded The Rifleman NRA Golden Bullseye Award for "Optic of the Year"
- 2008 saw Field & Stream name the Trijicon 3-9x40 AccuPoint "Best of the Best" for the top XCZVO hunting rifle scope for 2008
- In 2009 their RMR Sight was Named "Optic of the Year" by the Firearms Marketing Group's (FMG) Shooting Industry Academy of Excellence
- 2010 saw the NRA Golden Bullseye Award for "Optic of the Year" presented to their 1.5x16 Short **ACOG**
- 2015 saw them set their sights on the competition and they won two awards. Receiving the Optics Planet's Brilliance Award's "Night Sight Category Brand of the Year" as well as snagging the Guns & Ammo Magazine's Optic of the Year Award.

https://www.trijicon.com/na_en/company/history.php will give you a year-by-year breakdown of the evolution of Trijicon and their amazing scopes if you would like to learn more.

A piece of history involving the **ACOG Scope** pertains to the company's founder, Glyn Bindon. Glyn founded the Trijicon company in 1985 and was a devout Christian, who perished in a 2003 airplane crash. Unbeknownst to most, the company stamped a Bible verse on each manufactured scope. That

verse came from John 8:12 where Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." The rifles with the **ACOG Scopes** became known as the Jesus rifles by those who spied the stamping.

From 1987 until 2010 the inscription was included on every scope sold to the military. On January 18, 2010, ABC decided this needed to be reported and the legal and religious outcry began. Subsequently, Trijicon ceased and desisted from stamping the verses on their scopes sold to the military.
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trijicon>.

My family has a long history with the military. My dad served in the U.S. Army during WWII, my brother's service was so secret he was locked in a windowless room when he worked, and he died never revealing what he did for our country. My husband is a Nam era Jarhead, my son is a Flyboy and my daughter-in-law is U.S. Army. It is safe, I think, to say God's Name has crossed all their lips at one time or another in their service to this country. I know none of them would be offended by a Bible verse.

So, I say to you, God Bless you if you know what a Trijicon **ACOG SCOPE** is, God Bless the U.S.A. and I hope you enjoy your American made **ACOG SCOPE** - if you are fortunate enough to own one. If you don't own one yet - Amazon, Bass Pro, The Gun Zone and The Academy will help you remedy that!